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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, please enter the following remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

Remarks

I. Introduction

Claim 1 is pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 1 rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,496,583 ("Yamamoto") in view of either U.S. Patent No. 5,232,595 ("Meyer") or U.S. Patent No. 4,876,007 ("Narou") and U.S. Patent No. 2,862,542 ("Norton"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,772,443 ("Thornton et al."), U.S. Patent No. 5,492,580 and German Patent No. 4,024,053 A1 (collectively "Frank")